

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: James P. Elia)
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit:
Filed: Herewith) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: TREATMENT FOR ARTHRITIS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is submitted to make of record the Cooke, et al. patent, along with three other patents cited in the specification. Cooke, et al. had not been granted at the time that either parent application was filed. Cooke, et al. discloses the use of nicotine or other nicotine receptor agonist in angiogenesis and vasculogenesis processes. Also disclosed at pages 11 and 12 is the additional use of certain agents which enhance angiogenesis and the use of additional vessel growth inducing agents. The other three references are cited for reasons already set forth in the specification.

International Publication No. WO 01/08683 A1 is also included. Such publication relates to the field of mobilization and recruitment of stem cells and progenitor cells in processes such as vasculogenesis and angiogenesis.

Applicant submits that the claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the cited references, taken alone or properly combined with any of the other references.

An early action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reference Designation U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	5,397,235	3/14/95	Elia, James P.			
	AB	5,652,225	7/29/97	Isner, Jeffrey M.			
	AC	6,417,205	7/09/02	Cooke, John, et al			
	AD	6,174,871	1/16/01	Hammond, et al.			
Foreign Patent Documents							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation Yes No
	AE	International Publication No. WO 01/08683 A1	2/8/01	PCT			
Other Art (including author, title, date, pertinent pages, etc.)							
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